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- 1. CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSION AND JAPANESE MISSION OFFICIALS INDICATE GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF EC-JAPAN TRADE PROBLEMS. DISCUSSION AT THE COUNCIL WAS APPARENTLY BRIEF AND THE DECLARATION ADOPTED (REFTEL A) WAS THAT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION WITH FEW CHANGES. (E.G. COMMISSION DRAFT HAD INSERTED THE WORDS "WITH SATISFACTION" IN THE SENTENCE IN WHICH THE COUNCIL NOTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.)
- 2. BOTH SIDES EXPECT DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS BUT AT A LESS PRESSURED PACE THAN IN RECENT MONTHS. DISCUSSIONS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER WAY IN TOKYO CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS ON EXPORTS OF SPECIALTY STEEL TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.K. TALKS ON EC AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN MAY TAKE PLACE IN LATE APRIL OR MAY SLIP INTO MAY. IN ANY EVENT, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE MISSION HERE, JAPANESE ARE NOT INCLINED TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IN THIS AREA. SHIPBUILDING REMAINS A PROBLEM AREA, WITH GOJ NEEDING TO DECIDE HOW TO RESPOND TO EUROPEAN INTEREST IN GREATER JAPANESE OFFER PRICE INCREASES. HINTON

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